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REMARKS

Claims 82-115 are pending.

This application is a Divisional of application serial No. 10/076,551, filed on February 19, 2002, now allowed.

The Abstract has been amended to be more descriptive. Applicants note that a description of the Figures is provided at page 11 of the specification.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to compounds represented by formula (I):

in which at least one of R³ and R⁴ is a group represented by formula (A):

$$--(C(R^{L})_{2})_{\sigma}-x--(C(R^{L})_{2})_{p}-Q Q OH$$

$$Q = Q OH$$

where the structural variables are defined herein. The compounds are useful for blocking sodium channels.